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Focus Group Mission Statement

Assist CALFED in the period prior to the Record of Decision to identify, address, and resolve key policy issues associated with the ERP and its implementation.

Key Issues

- 1. Program Integration
- 2. Priority Setting
- 3. ERP Objectives

Focus Group Work Products

- 1. Executive Summary
 - » Outline of ERP Focus Group Materials
- 2. Program Integration
 - » Management Framework for Integration.
- 3. Priority Setting
 - » Guiding Principles for Priority Setting
 - » Regional Implementation Plan and Project Selection Process
 - » Proposed ERP Implementability Criteria
- 4. ERP Objectives
 - » Refined Strategic Objectives and Rationales

Program Integration

Recommendations

- Commit to establishing a single blueprint for ecosystem restoration and conservation.
- Commit to using sound science and a comprehensive Science Program that serves as a common resource.
- Support development of ecological conceptual models as the basis for informed decision-making.

Program Integration

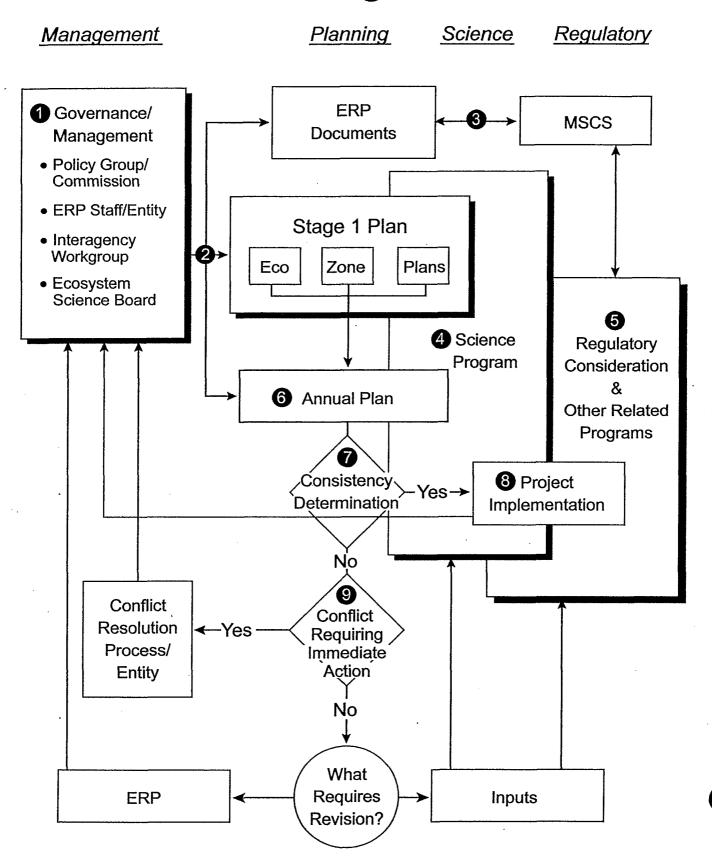
Recommendations (continued)

- Adopt the goals of the ERP and MSCS as the shared vision for restoration.
- Commit to using the goals of the ERP and MSCS for environmental water management (including the EWA and EWP).
- Sign an MOU that defines how parties will coordinate and interact in pursuit of a single blueprint.

Defining a "Single Blueprint"

- Integrated science and transparent ecological conceptual models.
- A shared vision of ecological restoration.
- A comprehensive management framework.

ERP Integration



Priority Setting

Recommendations

- Establish a process for determining priorities and selecting projects.
- Establish priorities in a coordinated and integrated fashion.
- Adopt policy principles for guiding prioritization and project selection.

Guiding Principles

- 1. Basis for Implementing Priorities
- 2. Role of Science
- 3. Priority Setting
- 4. Funding Priorities
- 5. Use of ERP Funds

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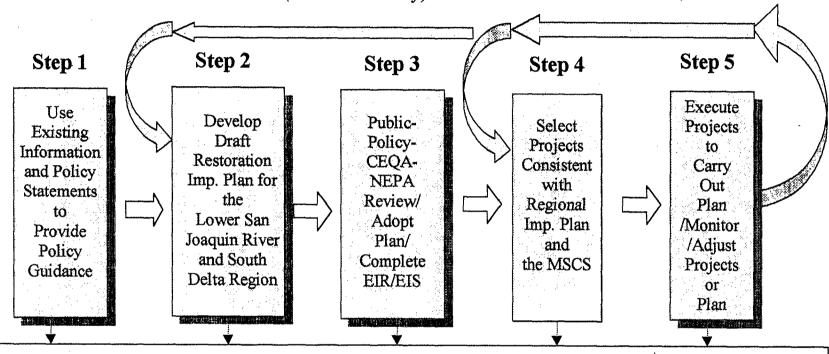
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ATTACHMENT B

Regional Implementation Plan Development and Project Selection Process for the Ecosystem and Floodplain Restoration Program for the Lower San Joaquin River and South Delta Region

(4/3/00- Review Draft)



- ERP goals and objectives
- MSCS
- Other CALFED Bay-Delta Program goals
- ERPP Stage 1 actions
- White Papers
- Science Board
- Previous projects
- CALFED Solution Principles
- Other policy statements

- Develop implementation plan from Delta-wide perspective
- Fish and wildlife agencies
- Landowners
- Delta Protection Comm
- Food and Agriculture
- Comprehensive Study
- Reclamation Board
- Keciamanon board
- Reclamation Districts
- Stakeholders
- Science Board
- Regulatory requirements
- ERPP Targets

- Tier from PEIS/EIR
- Public Scoping
- Workshops
- Policy Group
- Delta Protection Comm.
- SDWA / CDWA
- Ecosystem Roundtable
- BDAC
- Reclamation Board
- CALFED agencies
- Science Board.

- PSP
- RFPs and RFOs
- Directed Actions
- Review Steps
 - Threshold review
 - Theshold leviev
 - Scientific review
 - Technical review
 - Science Board review
 - Regulatory agency review
- Roundtable/BDAC
- CALFED Selection

- Project Specific CEQA
 Documentation
- ESA Compliance/ASIPs
- Permit Coordination
- Obtain Permits
- Compliance Monitoring.
- Effectiveness Monitoring
- Feedback
- Adaptive Management
- Refine Projects in short term
- Refine regional implementation plan ations in long term

ERP Objectives

Recommendation

• Adopt refined strategic objectives and rationales.